

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF CT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Edelina Berduo. I am a mother of an 8 year old and a 1 year old. I am from Guatemala and immigrated to Hartford Connecticut in 2016 with my firstborn who was 2 years old at the time. I am a member of Hartford Deportation Defense and I am in favor of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS because it would be an important step forward in getting health care access for our whole immigrant community.

My family doesn't have health insurance and we are afraid of going to the doctor because we then get bills that are very high and we can't pay. That's what happened with my older son. Because he wasn't born here, he doesn't have health insurance. Even though his nose bleeds often, I can't take him to the doctor. I feel very sad and angry. As a mother it pains me to see my son suffer.

Please support S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. This law is very important for the well-being of our families and our children. It is important that we all be in good health, and have access to health insurance so we can take them to the hospital when they get sick.

Thank you,,

Edelina Berduo